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I think that it is ridiculous that a company can have such actions against other companies, and the consumers. Then get off by doing what they do to promote themselves in the academic world in the first place. Which is giving away products that they make and want to have the students feel comfortable with then and lock the students into the use of the Microsoft products. This is what happens all the time for the company to promote themselves.

Microsoft can say that they are paying millions of dollars for a settlement that mainly contains the price of software that to Microsoft only costs 35 cents or so per CD. They are not coming anywhere close to the value of what they say that they are going to be actually penalized for their now reconfirmed (by the courts) predatory business practices.

The use of "Innovation" by Microsoft has become their rallying cry. However the general public has only been lulled into believing that Microsoft has come up with there ideas, when the ideas and practices have been around long before. They are just now gracing the "Windows World" with things that they bought up with companies or plain 'ol just decided to use.

They should innovate a "reasonable and fair" Microsoft.